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INDO-US TIES IN S & T FIELD
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indo-US Science and Technology agreement lapsed in 1998;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to sign a new Science and Technology agreement with U.S.;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be signed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d) : There was no separate bilateral Indo-US Science & Technology agreement. However, a US-India Fund was being operated for implementing scientific projects and visits between the two countries, under the Indo-US Agreement on Educational, Cultural and Scientific Cooperation of January 7, 1987. This arrangement was valid for ten years, but was subsequently extended upto January 7, 1998, when it finally expired.

However, in order to continue strong collaboration towards the advancement of science and development of technology, a Joint Statement between the two Governments was signed on December 19, 1997 expressing intentions to establish an Indo-US Science & Technology Forum. Subsequently, an Agreement between the two Governments on the Indo-US Science & Technology Forum was signed on March 21, 2000 to facilitate and promote interaction, between India and the United States, of government, academia and industry in Science & Technology in identified areas of mutual interest.